

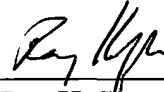
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Divisional of Appln. No. 09/784,207 (Q76145)

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-14. Claims 15-19 are the only claims pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application on the merits at the earliest possible time. If the Examiner would like to discuss any points through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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